(f) whether it is not a fact that the above amount can be spent on reconstructing the old Post Office building at Pondicherry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. The building is not in a dilapidated condition. The space available there is adequate and necessary facilities have been provided to the employees.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As the building is in good condition and has adequate space, the question does not arise.

(d) In view of reply to (c) above, the question does not arise.

(e) There is a proposal to construct an Inspection Quarter at Pondicherry Head Post Office the estimate for which is about Rs. 14.17 lakhs.

(f) In view of what is stated in (c) above reconstruction of the building is not ocnsidered necessary.

Hindustan Shipyard Limited

404. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Shipyard Limited has no orders for Shipbuilding and Offshore Platforms;

(b) if so, whether Government are taking steps to procure orders for Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam;

(c) the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to advance funds to Hindustan Shipyard Limited to save it from financial crisis due to lack of orders; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(a) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Grant of freedom fighters pension

405. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to consider requests received after the due date for grant of freedom fighters pension;

(b) whether applications received from the applicants of Hyderabad are being considered; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The applications received after the prescribed last date are considered only if these are accompanied with documentary evidence from the official records and sufficient reasons exist for condonation of delay.

(c) As and when such applications are received these are examined for disposal on merits of each case.

Grievances of Students of JNU

406. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a copy of a memorandum orginally submitted to the Regional Manager (Operations), South, Delhi Transport Corporation, by the Jawaharlal Nehru University Students' Union about the problems faced by students in respect of bus services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government has taken or propose to take to redress their grievances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main demands contained in the memorandum are:—

(i) Restoration of last trip on route no. 666.

(ii) Regular operation of the services of route no. 615 and 666.

(iii) Extension of services of route no. 507 and 603 upto Poorvanchal Hostel.

(c) Following action has been taken by DTC on the memorandum:—

(i) Last trip at 2230 hours on route no. 666 discontinued earlier has been restored w.e.f. 29-4-91.

(ii) Instructions have been issued to the concerned Depot Authorities to ensure regular and punctual operation of services on route nos. 615 and 666.

(iii) Extension of route no. 507 from Munirka and route no. 603 from CPWD Colony Vasant Vihar to JNU is not feasible as it will result in-drop in efficiency from the present level and increase in the waiting time of the commuters currently patronising there services. The reduction of the service level of these two routes will also affect adversely the residents of Munirka, R. K. Puram and Vasant Vihar including the office complex at R. K. Puram.

DTC bus services from Parijat apartments to Central Secretariat

407. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only one DTC bus service is functioning from Parijat Apartments to Central Secretariat causing considerable hardship to residents of Sansad Vihar, Triveni and Parijat Apartments on Outer Ring Road, Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to incresae the frequency of the service on this route keeping in view the heavy rush of commuters; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to put additional buses at least during peak hours in the mornings and evenings to clear the heavy rush of Government employees/passengers; if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Though one limited service is in operation from Parijat Apartment yet the following services for Central Secretariat are also available for the residents of Parijat Apartment and its adjoining areas:—

(i) The regular bus service of route no. 984 are available for them at Rohini Terminal III which is at a walkable distance from Parijat Apartment. Route no. 984 which strts from Rohini Terminal III terminates at Safdarjung Terminal and is operating *via* Central Secretariat.

(ii) The following limited stop trips are also available for them from a walkable distance:—

Time	From	To
8.10	Pushpanjali	Udyog Bhawan
8.35	Pushpanjali	Udyog Bhawan
7.40	Kanjhawla	Central Secretariat via. Mangolpur School/Pushpanjali